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## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 19, 2007 in the above identified patent application, the time period for reply which extends to March 19, 2008, please consider the following remarks intended to place the application in clear condition for allowance. A Request for Continued Examination is filed herein to continue prosecution of this application. Applicants also submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time with provision for the required fee requesting that the due date for response to the outstanding office action, which originally extended to March 19, 2008, be extended three (3) months to and including June 19, 2008. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

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